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The Honorable Julius Genachowski
Chairman, Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW, Room 8-B201
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Genachowski & FCC Commissioners:

On behalf of the Congress of California Seniors, we are writing to follow up on the concerns we expressed in our October 12th letter to the Commission regarding your proposed net neutrality rules. We continue to be unconvinced that these rules are actually necessary or conducive to expanding Internet usage in our country.

Under the current rules, we have seen significant progress including a 58% increase in broadband use among seniors between 2008 and 2009. Broadband services greatly improve our quality of life, from quicker access to healthcare to simply enjoying the benefits of online browsing and staying in touch with family and friends via e-mail.

Many seniors are on limited, fixed-incomes and are already struggling with the rising cost of healthcare, energy and other items. That's why the Commission's consideration of net neutrality rules is so vexing. We know these rules will result in higher costs that will be passed on to all consumers. Net neutrality could make many seniors unable to afford broadband.

We very much appreciate your openness to all points of view on this issue. We trust that the Commission does not take the ramifications of this proposal lightly, and that thorough consideration will be given to the concerns of the seniors across the country.

Respectfully submitted,

Henry L. "Hank" Lacayo
State President
Congress of California Seniors